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Lieutenant General Geoffrey Keyes  
Director  
Weapons Systems Evaluation Group  
Office of the Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Keyes:

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DATE: *11/4/81* REVIEWER:

In response to the request contained in your letter dated October 13, 1952, we are proposing to the Intelligence Advisory Committee the initiation of a special estimate covering the minimum annual civilian petroleum requirements of the USSR and Satellites in the event of a general war in 1954, with tentative date of completion on or before December 15, 1952.

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As you doubtless know, the Director of Central Intelligence and, through him, the Intelligence Advisory Committee are responsible to the National Security Council and the time of the IAC estimators is largely occupied with priority tasks set by the Council. While we are glad to assist agencies of the Department of Defense by furnishing intelligence which transcends the capabilities of any single department or agency, our acceptance of such requirements must be understood to be subject to priority tasks which may be set by the National Security Council.

Sincerely,

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WALTER B. SMITH  
Director

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"Jeff - I think we have a lot of data on this already, so it won't take/long as if we started from scratch. WBS"

*Official*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SMITH

While we could insist upon General Keyes transmitting this request through NSC channels, I recommend signature of the attached reply as a practical solution to this request.



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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13 October 1952

General Walter Bedell Smith  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

In connection with an evaluation being made for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group requires an estimate of the minimum annual civilian petroleum requirement of the USSR and Satellites in the event of a general war in 1954. Such an estimate prepared in the petroleum product and consumer category detail used in CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 181 would be adequate for WSEG's purposes.

We have reviewed the estimates of Soviet civilian petroleum requirements already produced by the intelligence agencies, and find that these estimates are based on cold-war conditions, under which petroleum would be relatively available to the Soviets. However, under hot-war conditions, the Soviets may be deprived of substantial quantities of petroleum products, and it is essential to estimate how far back their civilian consumption could be cut without undermining the war-supporting economy. Historically, there is evidence to indicate that substitution for petroleum can be extensive. For example, during World War II the availability of petroleum in Sweden was cut approximately 90 per cent, but total industrial production increased. To what extent the Soviets could reduce their civilian consumption is not known, but probably well below the cold-war estimate of requirements.

Your cooperation in furnishing these estimates will be sincerely appreciated, and it is hoped that they can be completed by 15 December 1952.

Very truly yours,

GEOFFREY KEYES  
Lieutenant General, USA  
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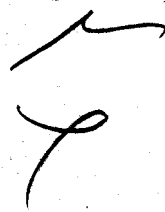
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